

2006 CCB REAP Grant Projects

1. Whitewater Canyon Acquisition, Jones CCB – Acquisition of 141.6 acres in Jones County, adjacent to last year's number one CCB REAP grant, Whitewater Canyon in Dubuque County. The site includes high quality and unique associations to geology, botany, archaeology, zoology, hydrology and a variety of public recreation opportunities. Also present is a large cave system estimated to have collapsed about 20,000 years ago. Total project cost is \$506,190 with support coming from the Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever and Whitetails Unlimited.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$326,948
2. Big Bend Wildlife Area Acquisition, Hurst Parcel, Dallas CCB – Acquisition of 127.5 acres of woodlands and savanna, and 61 acres of cropland along with Middle Raccoon River. The parcel will connect with an existing 345-acre DNR area, which ultimately will provide more than 900 acres of public land adjacent to a state designated Protected Waters Area river. Total cost of this project is \$412,288 with support from the habitat stamp, Wild Turkey Federation and Pheasants Forever.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$212,797
3. Iowa River Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Marshall CCB – Acquisition of 330 acres along the Iowa River, 1 ½ miles north of Marshalltown. 210 acres of this currently in woodlands will be managed for forest improvement; 120 acres will be restored to native prairie. The site will be the largest tract of public ground in the county. Total cost of the project is \$826,250 with support coming from anonymous donors.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$200,000
4. Central Loess Hills Restoration Initiative, Pottawattamie CCB – A collaborative effort with The Nature Conservancy for ecological restoration on public and private lands, including acquiring equipment, mapping, aerial photography, demonstration exhibits and computer support. This REAP grant will leverage additional support from the County Board of Supervisors and other partners for a total of \$1.35 million.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$135,800
5. Big Bend Wildlife Area Acquisition, Dudley Parcel, Dallas CCB – Acquisition of 20 acres of forest land adjacent to an 380-acre county area and close to a proposed 188.5-acre area and another 345-acre DNR area, ultimately providing 933.5 acres of public ground adjacent to the Middle Raccoon River, a state-designated Protected Waters Area river.
GRANT AMOUNT -- \$19,415

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1. Hohneke addition to Hitchcock Nature Center (Phase I) – Pottawattamie CCB. Purchase of 100 acres of prime Loess Hills habitat adjacent to the nature center. The Naomi Jean Hohneke family desires to contribute a stewardship endowment for the property. \$292,000
2. Ruby tract addition to the Iowa River Green Belt – Hardin CCB. Purchase of 60 acres along the Iowa River Greenbelt Scenic Drive next to Tower Rock Park. Offered as a bargain sale by the owners. \$67,500
3. Fen acquisition – Jasper CCB. Purchase of 31.5 acres that includes a 6.5-acre high quality, rare fen, with remaining acreage in cropland. Cropland will be restored to native prairie. \$150,000.
4. Oak Ridge addition, Loess Hills – Woodbury CCB. Purchase of 315 acres of Loess Hills land within the boundary of the 3,200-acre Oak Ridge Conservation Area, between Smithland and Oto and connecting two existing county properties. Site includes archaeological sites. \$333,000.
5. Cortright Wildlife Area – Buchanan CCB. Purchase of 152 acres of Wapsipinicon River frontage (about 1 mile), including forest, forest wetlands, 5 fishable ponds and 27 acres of cropland to be converted to wetland prairie. \$150,000.
6. Shaw addition to Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt – Polk CCB. Purchase of 312 acres of a 700-acre in-holding within the 9,000-acre, 2-county conservation project. Price per acre is about ½ normal pricing within the county. Requested \$290,000, allocated \$258,860.